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Leaders of the National Salvation Front
Members of the NAS Salvation Council
Leaders of South Sudan Opposition Movements Alliance (SSOMA)
Distinguished guests of NAS
Members of NAS
The people of South Sudan,

I salute you and extend warm revolutionary greetings to all of you, on this historic day of the inauguration of the NAS Salvation Council.

As we inaugurate this important legislative and political organ of your movement, the National Salvation Front, I pay special tribute to honour our colleague, a member of this august house, late Ambassador James Ojoch and our fallen heroes and heroines; the martyrs who have made ultimate heroic sacrifices while defending the lives, rights, freedom and dignity of our people.

I salute our gallant NAS soldiers all over South Sudan who are selflessly defending our people from violent aggressions by the forces of the dictatorial regime in Juba. I also take this opportunity to salute all our NAS members and all our people wherever they may be.

Dear compatriots,

Today the National Salvation Front NAS, has reached another milestone, in building its structures and institutions so as to be able to achieve its mission and objectives which has been well articulated in its vision and ideology document. This important organ of the movement, the NAS Salvation Council is today being inaugurated as we commence the fifth year of our struggle.

The inauguration of the NAS Salvation Council is yet another timely and important revolutionary step in the struggle to rescue our people and achieve their aspirations. History has chosen you, the members of this August House, the first NAS Salvation Council, to shoulder the mantle of leadership to guide the movement and indeed your people at this crucial juncture. The task at hand is not only enormous but also very crucial.

The inauguration of the NAS Salvation Council today is a challenge for all of you members to commit yourselves to be the vanguards of our people's struggle for freedom, justice and dignified life. I congratulate each and every one of you for accepting to take up this noble responsibility as members of the first NAS Salvation Council for the liberation of our people.

Compatriots,

Ten years ago the people of South Sudan came out en mass and voted for freedom from bondage, subjugation and oppression in a referendum to determine their future. They came out in their diverse ethnic groups yet united by common dreams and hopes of freedom, stability, justice, prosperity and the uphold of the dignity of all. They had dreams that finally they were going to live as equal citizens of a country of their own. They believed that it was the chance to put an end to subjugation and hegemony by one group of people on the whole country. They had dreams that their children and grandchildren were going to have it better once they deliver a country of their own.

Ten years down the line, those great dreams and high hopes have been shattered and squashed by the very leaders on whom they had entrusted their fate and that of their children. Today the people of South Sudan who voted in a referendum to deliver their country are subjected to a situation worse than during the time of the old Sudan.

The celebrations of the independence of South Sudan, delivered through a referendum, has been turned into tears, grief and misery. The leaders of the SPLM regime have thrown the country into chaos, poverty, death and destruction due to the pursuit of the same policies of subjugation and marginalisation that the people of South Sudan fought against for decades until they delivered their own country.

South Sudan has now become a theatre of endless ethnic conflicts orchestrated by the regime to keep the people fighting each other while their dangerous policies and the status quo continues. The SPLM regime has created a reign of terror, killings, rapes, looting, burning of villages and mass displacement on the same people they had claim to be fighting to liberate. The SPLM regime has failed to deliver basic services of health, education and others to the people.